

# Bent's Old Fort

National Historic Site  
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## FRONTIER SKILLS DAY

March 19, 2016 (9:00 AM -4:00 PM)

Frontier Skills Day 2016 will provide adults an opportunity to experience fur trade frontier life of the 1830s and 1840s. The program will emphasize the historic values of Bent's Old Fort, as well as the cultural relationships and the type of work performed in frontier Western America.

### HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES OF THE TIME

The instructional program will be a "hands-on" living history experience. Character roles will include laborer, trader/clerk, craftsman, trapper/hunter, and domestic. Living history volunteers and park staff will instruct in the lifestyle and duties of each role. Work of roles may include:

- Trader – management of trade operations, peace treaties, Indian sign language, fort supervision
- Laborer - adobe work, livestock use and care, Hispanic frontier cooking, fort life
- Domestic – frontier cooking, garment making, candle making, food preservation, domestic chores
- Carpenter – 19<sup>th</sup> century hand tool use, method and care; construction of period pieces
- Blacksmith – 19<sup>th</sup> century hand tool use, method and care, construction of period pieces
- Hunter – trapper – camp set-up, horse packing, animal tracking, trapping, survival techniques

### APPLICATION AND INFORMATION

Participants must be 18 years of age or older and must pre-register using the application below. Space is limited for each role and applications are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Fill out the application below, clip and mail with \$20.00 payment to Frontier Skills Day, Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site, 35110 Highway 194 East, La Junta, Colorado 81050. Checks must be made payable to the "National Park Service". You will receive confirmation and preparation materials by mail. Your payment is non-refundable.

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### FRONTIER SKILLS DAY 2016 REGISTRATION FORM



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

ROLE PREFERENCE (1<sup>st</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice) \_\_\_\_\_

Roles include trader, hunter/trapper, carpenter, blacksmith, domestic, laborer.

SPECIAL NEEDS \_\_\_\_\_